Memoranda sent by Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

859. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received two memoranda dated the 1st January, 1988 and the 7th March, 1988 addressed to the Prime Minister by Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani;

(b) if so, what are the complaints included in the Memoranda;

(c) whether any other communications have been received by Government in this matter; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to enquire into the complaints, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir. However letters dated 1.1.88 and 7.3.88 addressed to the Prime Minister from the Secretary of an association called BITS Employees Association, Pilani, have been received.

(b) The complaints refer to dismissal of an employee, conduct and character of the Director and misuse of autonomy of the Institute.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. The complaints have been brought to the notice of Board of Governors and the General Body of the BITS, Pilani. The Chairman, Board of Governors has assured detailed examination of all the complaints. The reply from the Chairman is awaited.

Steps taken after meeting between AGM (Operation) Eastern Railways and Passengers Association

860. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps have so far been taken after the meeting between A.G.M. (Operations), Eastern Railways and the passengers association of Dankuni-Belanagar-Rajchandrapur on the 29th October, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Two meetings were held on 27.10.1987 and 18.11.1987. As a result the following actions were taken:—

(1) Introduction of one additional pair of trains between Howrah and Baruipara;

(2) Extension of 3 pairs of Howrah-Baruipara locals upto Chandanpur;

(3) Stoppage of C-263 Up at Bally, Belanagar and Gobra stations;

(4) Stoppage of MG 563 Up at Bally instead of Belur;

(5) Change in the schedules of C-264 Dn Howrah local, C-267 Up Barddhaman local and B-110 Dn Bandel local; and

(6) Stoppage of 331 Up Howrah-Azimganj Passengers and K-11 Up Bandel-Katwa local at Bhanderbkuri station.

National Highways Endangered by Ganga Erosion

861. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that national highways in the Murshidabad area are now being endangered by Ganga erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to protect the highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. There is no threat to any protion of National Highway No. 34 in Murshidabad area due to erosion by Ganga.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Dankuni-Shiakhala Railway Line

862. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of the Dankuni-Shiakhala line;

(b) whether the work of the said line will start now; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHARAO SCINDIA): (a) The construction of this line has been postponed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Acute constraint of resources.

Indian Institute of Planning and Management

863. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1863 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the year and place of the registration of the Indian Institute of Planning and Management located at Okhla, New Delhi together with the registration number;

(b) what are the objectives for which the Institute was registered;

(c) whether the Institute is carrying on its activities at Gurgaon in Haryana; and

(d) whether it is permissible for an Institute to register itself in one State and function in another State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) 1973 at Delhi, Registration No. is S-5831.

(b) and (c) This is not a recognised institution The Government have no *locus standi* in the Institute and hence are not aware of its objectives and activities. According to the Registrar of Societies, Delhi, a copy of the Memorandum of Association has also not been filed with them.

(d) It is legally permissible to operate in any part of India if the Institute is registered under the Societies Registration Act, of 1860.

Extension of Dhanbad Patherdih Passenger Train upto Bhojudih

864. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a demonstration of the people of Chandan Keyari before the Divisional Railway Manager Dhanbad, Eastern Railway for extending the Dhanbad Patherdih passenger train upto Bhojudih;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Divisional Railway Manager assured the people that steps in this regard will be taken within two months; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) A representation was given in this regard. However, the proposal was not found feasible due to operational constraints.

Doubling of Rail Lines

865. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the rail lines which were taken up for doubling during 1987-88; and